



## **Regional Service Council Minutes Region #12**

**Meeting Date:** 5/5/08

**Meeting Location:** Fayette County DCS

### **Council Members Present:**

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| Sayward Carolin-Salazar | Gene Sanford    |
| Kelly Persinger         | Judge Dan Pflum |
| Judge Mary Willis       | Vickie Jones    |
| Karen Bowen             | Jennifer Munden |
| Judge Matt Cox          |                 |

### **Council Members Absent:**

Terry Suttle, Annette Craycraft

### **Others In Attendance:**

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| Jon Bennett     | Darcy Meridith |
| Mark Munchel    | Sam Smith      |
| Michael Fleming | Carl Scheib    |
| Jenai Tidwell   |                |

## **Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Called to Order at:** 3:30pm

### **1. Welcome and Introductions:**

Gene Sanford is retiring on July, 1 2008 after almost 35 years of service, and Jennifer Munden is retiring on November 1, 2008 after 31 years of service

### **2. Update on Community Partners for Child Safety Program:**

Referrals have doubled this month, 66 last month, both DCS and self referrals continue to increase.

Body Safety Program/Presentation/Workshop is Wed. and Thurs. of this week. 80 people have signed up to date. About half are probation/law enforcement and the other half are DCS mental health, and other social service providers. From 12-1 there will be a legislative overview and update.

### **3. Practice Reform (Training for legal community):**

Every DCS FCM, Supervisor and Director will need to be trained in teaming and engaging by July 1, 2008. Training regarding teaming and engaging for the legal community (judges, lawyers, defense attorneys, CASA

etc.) was discussed. M.B. Lippold will facilitate the training. There has been positive response from other regions. People attending the training will receive CLE credit. There are two choices for times, 10am-3pm or 9am-12pm. The training would take place in July or August. Karen stated that CASA would like to have training, and Judge Pflum agreed that it is a good idea for the Judges and Lawyers. The training is free. Possible days and dates for the training was discussed. Nothing was decided at this time.

4. Mike Presented a contract for the Family court Project. It includes bundling CHINS cases with criminal cases. He would like \$12,500.00 from the Child Welfare Services dollars to fund this program. Motion to move-Gene Sanford, Second-Matt Cox, voted Passed.

5. IV-B Update:

Vickie passed out a spread sheet showing the amount of IV-B for each provider and each year. Vickie answered several questions regarding the columns on the spreadsheet. Motion to approve contracts-Judge Mary Willis, Second-Kelly Persinger, Voted Passed-Judge Dan Pflum did not vote.

6. Legislative Changes:

January 1, 2009 the State of Indiana will pay all claims. July 1, 2008 establishes the RSC regions and requires specific members. Region 12 will need to add a prosecutor, child welfare supervisor, and non-voting youth member. The RSC will also develop a plan on how we deliver services. Ken Faw was suggested as a possible prosecutor member. Mark Munchel will approach him. Kelly Persinger will talk with the prosecutor in Rush county. Judge Pflum questioned allowing FCF funding to be returned if services were delivered before January 1, 2009. Vickie will check on this. There is a conference on June 19, 2008 for Judges, Directors, DCS Attorneys, and CASA regarding legislative changes. At a probation meeting last week Judge Payne explained HB 1001 to the states probation workers.

7. Public Comment:

None

8. Next Meeting:

June 23, 2008 3:30pm

**Next Meeting Date, Location and Time:** June 23, 2008 3:30pm

**Meeting Adjourned at:** 4:00 pm